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1. General FRANCO, reportedly greatly concerned over Spain's economic situation, devoted particular attention to the subject at the 30 March Cabinet meeting, and called a special meeting on 2 April 1951 to consider the high cost of living. FRANCO, according to source, has appointed a special committee consisting of four Ministers to study the economic situation.
2. Limitation on student transportation passes reportedly was the pretext for a demonstration against the high cost of living by about 100 students on the morning of 2 April on the Plaza at University City. The demonstration was broken up by armed police and the ringleader and one or two other students were arrested. Although several students were struck by the police, source believed that there were no serious casualties.
3. Most of the city, ^{25X1X} [REDACTED] was unaware of the incident, which ^{25X1X} the press was ordered to ignore. [REDACTED] rumors that 2 April had been set as the date for nationwide demonstrations, Madrid was calm.

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